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(*b*) the number of Mappillas and non-Mappillas who were permitted to take their families to the Andamans annually ; and

(*c*) the number of Mappillas and non-Mappillas who actually took their families to the Andamans annually ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government do not propose to call for the information.

Colonization of the Andamans.

*1282 *Q.*—K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar Bahadur : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applicants with their names and address who requested permission to colonize the Andamans from 1923–24 to 1926–27 annually ;

(*b*) the number of persons who were given such permission and their names ;

(*c*) the number and names of persons who actually left for the Andamans, during that period ;

(*d*) the number and names of persons who returned to India after staying there for a few months, during that period ;

(*e*) the reasons for their return ; and

(*f*) the number and names of persons who died in the Andamans and the causes of their death ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) The Government are not prepared to get the detailed information required.

Laws for the Mappillas in the Andamans.

*1283 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state —

(*a*) whether there are any laws in the Andamans to which the Mappillas therein are subjected ; and

(*b*) whether a copy of such laws will be placed on the table ?

A.—(*a*) Free Mappilla men, women and children in the Andamans are governed in the same way and by the same laws as those by which other free residents are governed. The laws in force there are the same as those in the rest of British India with the addition of Regulation III of 1876 and subsequent amending regulations.

(*b*) The regulations are available for sale and can be obtained by the public from the Government of India Central Publication Branch, Calcutta. A copy will be obtained and placed in the Secretariat Library for reference.

Number of Mappillas in Andamans.

*1284 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Mappilla men, women and children in the Andamans ; and

(*b*) how many of them are convicts ?